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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Charleston, Illinois

news

April 22, 1986

Local

HARRY READ, Director of Information and Publications (217) 581-2820

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, Illinois--Panelists have been named for a local discussion of the news and views aired on the first live International Videoconference Saturday (April 26) at Eastern Illinois University.

"They will lead a discussion for about an hour after the videoconference on what we see during the broadcast," said David Reed, videoconference coordinator and chairman of the journalism department at Eastern.

The local panelists have special interest or expertise in the issues that will be covered by the videoconference, Reed said.

Panelists include:

Richard Icen, editorial page editor of the Decatur Herald and Review;

Dr. John Faust, a professor in Eastern's political science department, who specializes in international relations and contemporary political problems;

Dr. Ahmad Murad, professor and chairman of Eastern's economics department, who specializes in international economics;

Dr. Wolfgang Schlauch, a professor of history at Eastern and a specialist in diplomacy and international relations; and

Dr. Lawrence Bates, Eastern economics professor, who specializes in international trade and economic development of poor countries.

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Videoconference--add one

The International Videoconference is being broadcast worldwide by the Christian Science Monitor to provide a forum for seasoned journalists to share their experience with journalism students and interested members of the public.

The conference will feature panel discussions about such topics as small wars and terrorism, relationships between the superpowers, sharing technology and understanding foreign cultures. Each discussion will be broadcast from a different part of the world, including Ditchley Park, England; Vienna, Austria; and Kyoto, Japan. Boston will serve as the conference hub.

Panels at each site will include an American broadcast journalist, a locally prominent journalist, at least one expert on the panel's topic and a senior writer from the Monitor.

"The topics are relevant to all persons today, especially in light of recent events," Reed said.

Anyone who is interested may attend the videoconference at Eastern. The broadcast will begin at noon Saturday, April 26, in the Buzzard Auditorium on campus. The local panel discussion will begin immediately following the videoconference broadcast.

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For more information, contact:
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April 21, 1986

Dear editor:

On Saturday, April 26, Eastern Illinois University's Department of Journalism is participating in an International Videoconference sponsored by the Christian Science Monitor. The Videoconference will be broadcast live via satellite to more than 150 schools of journalism around the country and the world. It will feature discussions on such relevant topics as terrorism and small wars, relationships between the superpowers, sharing technology and understanding foreign cultures.

Each panel discussion will be broadcast from a different part of the world, including Ditchley Park, England; Vienna, Austria; and Kyoto, Japan. Boston will serve as the conference hub. Panels will include an American broadcast journalist, a locally prominent journalist, at least one expert on the panel's topic and a senior Monitor writer as host.

Locally, we've put together our own panel of experts who will discuss the issues covered by the Videoconference. Our panel includes: Richard Icen, editorial page editor for the Decatur Herald and Review; political science professor Dr. John Faust, who specializes in international relations; economics department chairman Dr. Ahmad Murad, who specializes in international economics; history professor Dr. Wolfgang Schlauch, who specializes in diplomacy and international relations; and economics professor Dr. Lawrence Bates, who specializes in international trade.

I would like to invite you and your staff to attend the Videoconference. It starts at noon in the Buzzard Auditorium on Eastern's campus in Charleston. The issues covered are sure to raise some interesting questions, as well as offer some answers to the problems that plague the modern-day world.

If you need more information, you can call Dr. J. David Reed, chairman of the journalism department and conference coordinator, at (217) 581-6003.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to see you at the Videoconference Saturday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lola McElwee".

Lola McElwee
Publications Editor